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STAR WARS™ DARTH VADER

THE CHOSEN ONE

Part V

Tempted by Emperor Palpatine's promise of power, Jedi Knight Anakin Skywalker succumbed to the ways of the dark side. Anakin was reborn as the Sith Lord Darth Vader.

In search of a Jedi who might have escaped the Emperor's purge. Vader traveled to the site of a sacred Jedi monastery on the river moon of Al'doleem. Here, he found Master Kirak Infil'a, a powerful warrior. After defeating Vader in combat, Kirak tossed him from the cliffs of Mt. Pasvaal and left him for dead.

Vader tracked Kirak to Am'balaar City where they clashed again atop the city's dam. Taking advantage of Kirak's concern for nearby civilians, Darth Vader stole the Jedi's lightsaber and threw Kirak from the dam moments before he broke it – unleashing a tidal wave and drowning the city....

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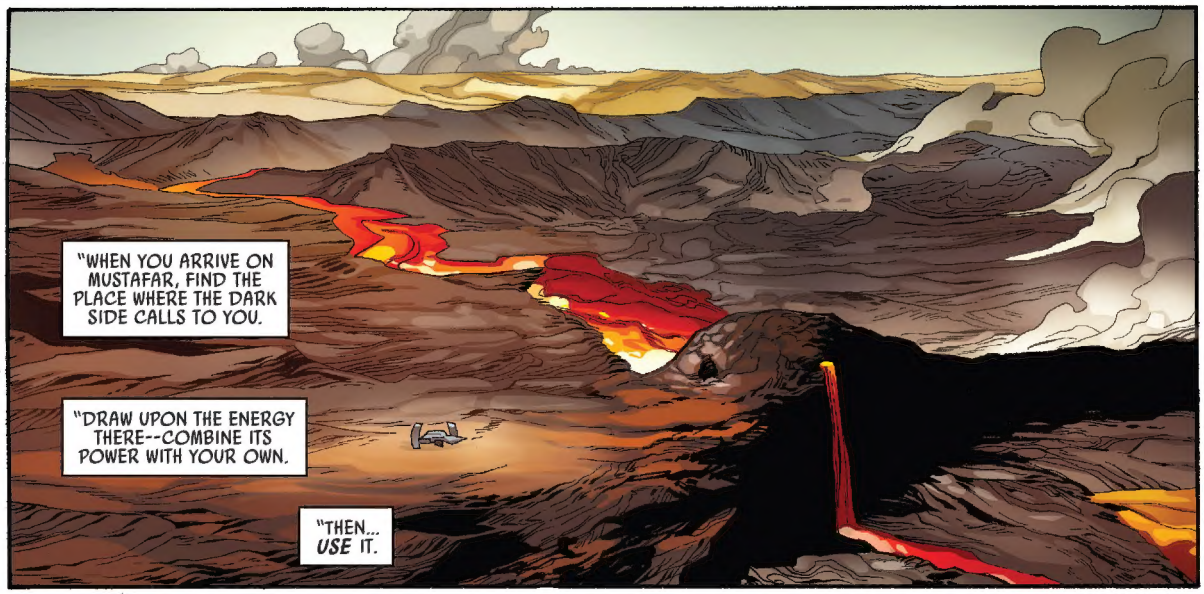
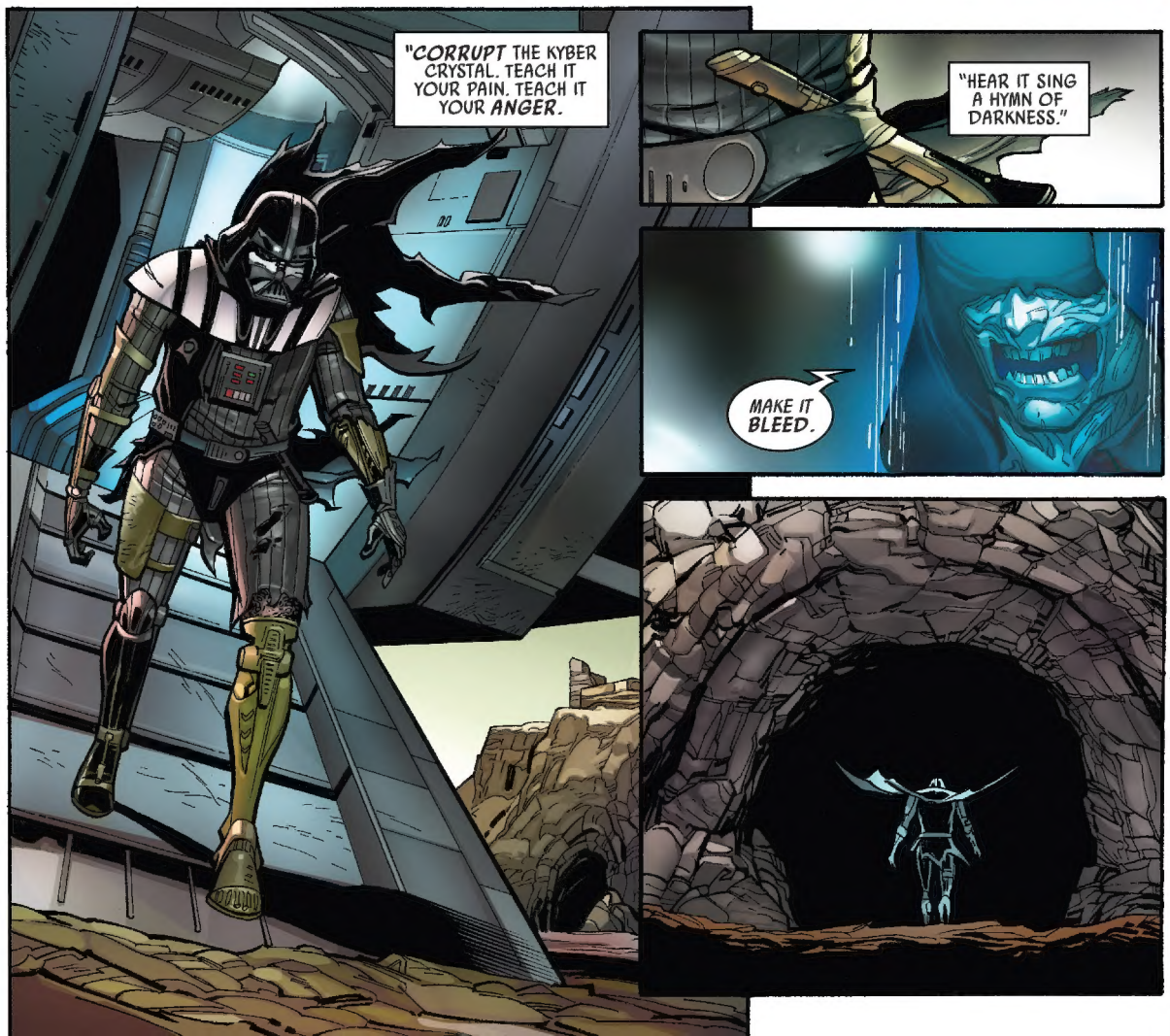
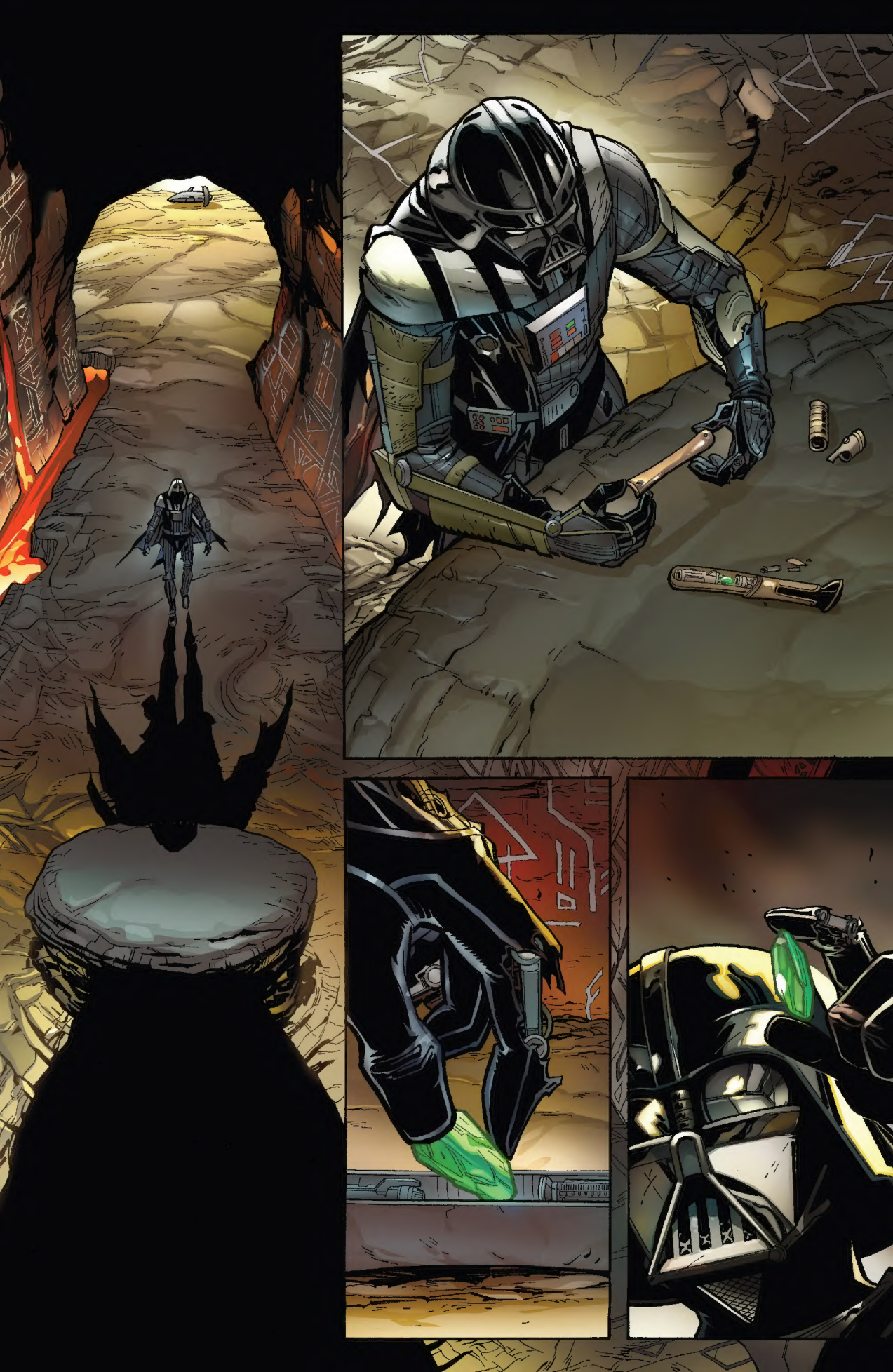
LORD VADER. IF YOU ARE SEEING THIS MESSAGE, THEN YOUR QUEST NEARS ITS END.
"THE DROID WAS INSTRUCTED TO TAKE CONTROL OF THE SHIP ONCE YOU OBTAINED A JEDI LIGHTSABER."
IT WILL BRING YOU TO YOUR FINAL DESTINATION. THIS WAS SELECTED...

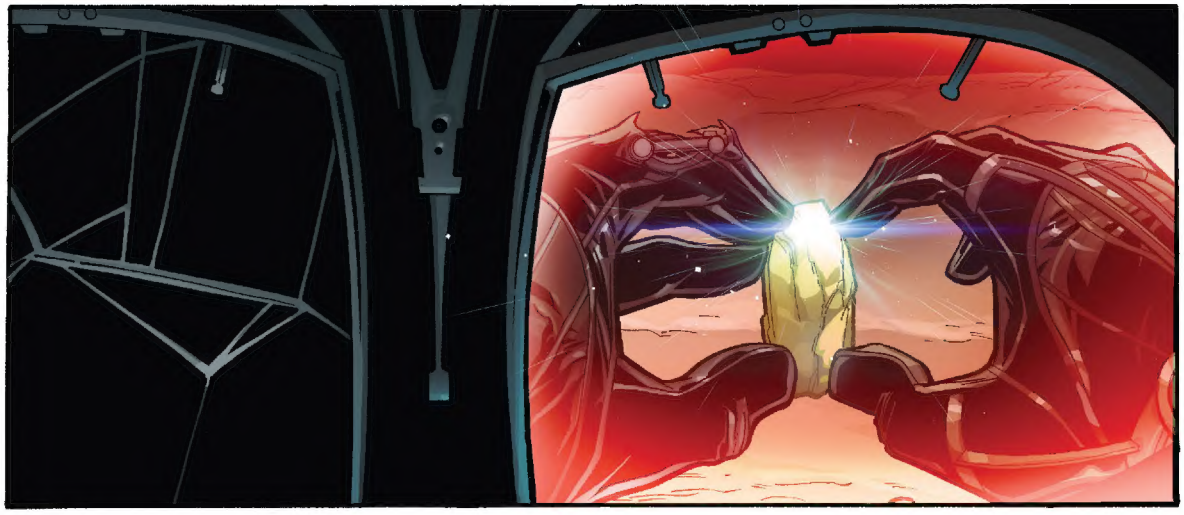
The Outer Rim.
Mustafar.
"...BY ME.
"MUSTAFAR IS NOT LIKE OTHER PLANETS. IT IS UNIQUE."
DEEP BENEATH ITS SURFACE RESTS A LOCUS FOR THE DARK SIDE OF THE FORCE.
"HERE, YOU WILL RECLAIM YOURSELF.
"FROM THE SITE OF YOUR GREATEST DEFEAT, YOU SHALL RISE--STRONG, UNBROKEN..."
...POWERFUL.

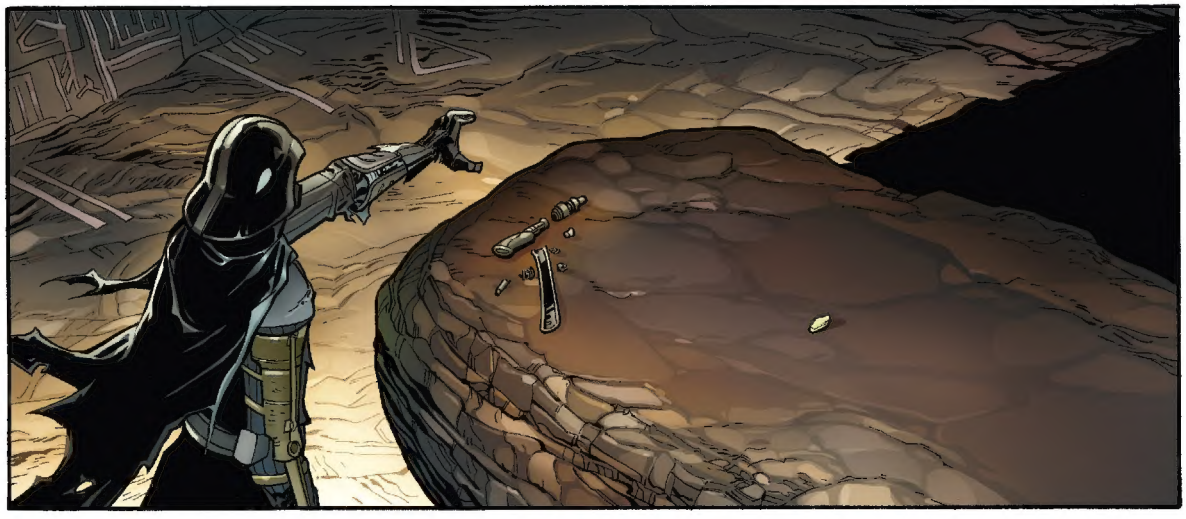
"YOU HAVE ACQUIRED THE LIGHTSABER OF A JEDI, AND THE KYBER CRYSTAL IT CONTAINS... BUT THEY ARE NOT YET YOURS.
"THE CRYSTAL IS A POTENT THING, ALIVE IN SOME STRANGE WAY, PULSING WITH LIGHT SIDE ENERGY.
"YOU WILL NEED GREAT STRENGTH TO BEND IT TO YOUR WILL.


"WHEN YOU ARRIVE ON MUSTAFAR, FIND THE PLACE WHERE THE DARK SIDE CALLS TO YOU.
"DRAW UPON THE ENERGY THERE--COMBINE ITS POWER WITH YOUR OWN.
"THEN... USE IT.


"CORRUPT THE KYBER CRYSTAL. TEACH IT YOUR PAIN. TEACH IT YOUR ANGER.
"HEAR IT SING A HYMN OF DARKNESS."
MAKE IT BLEED.







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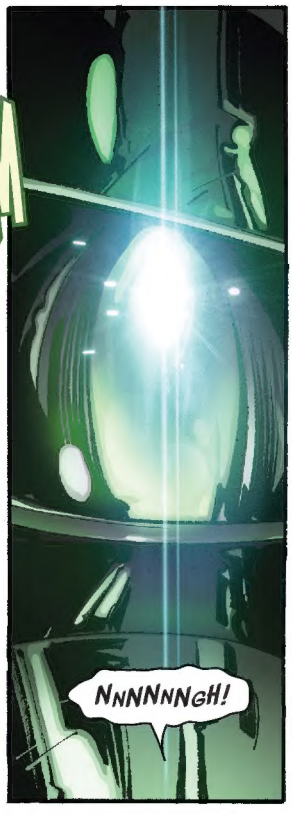
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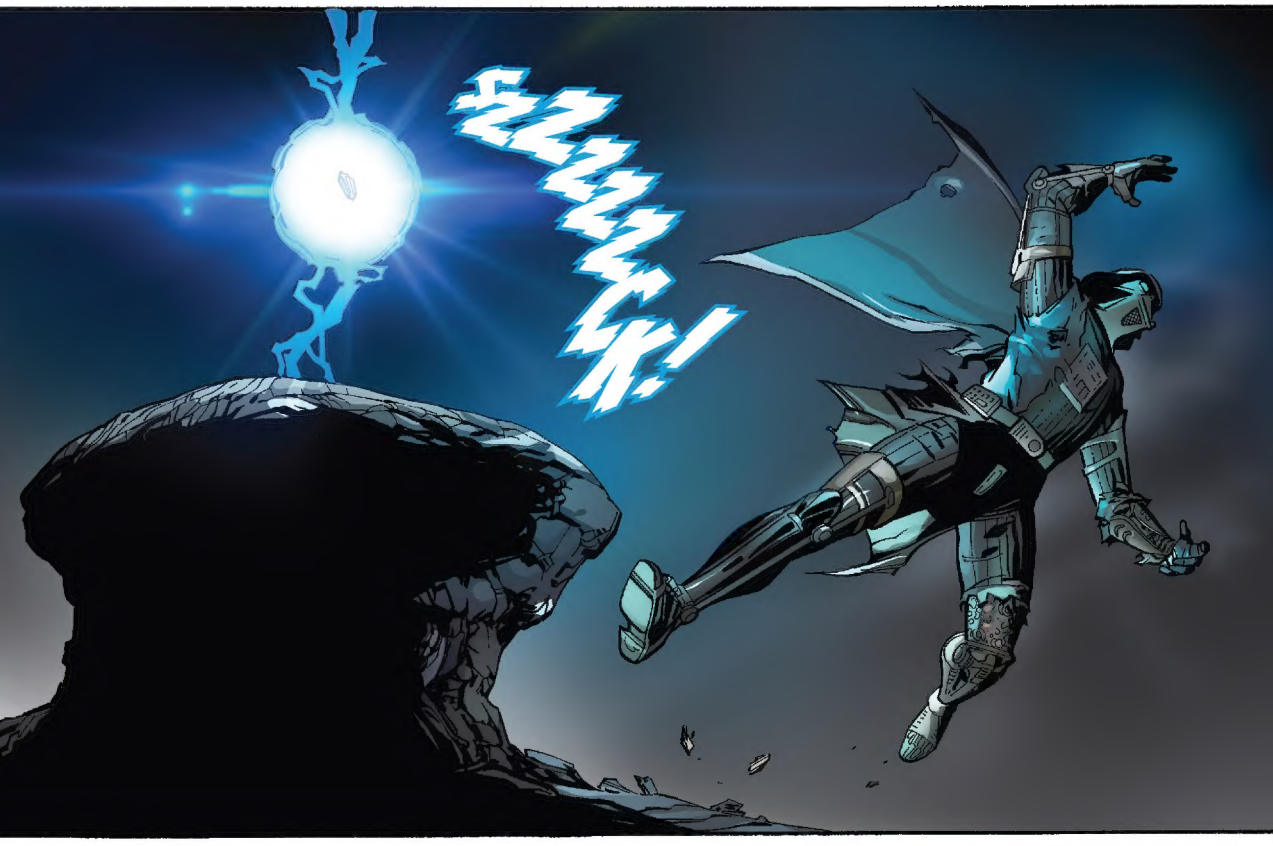
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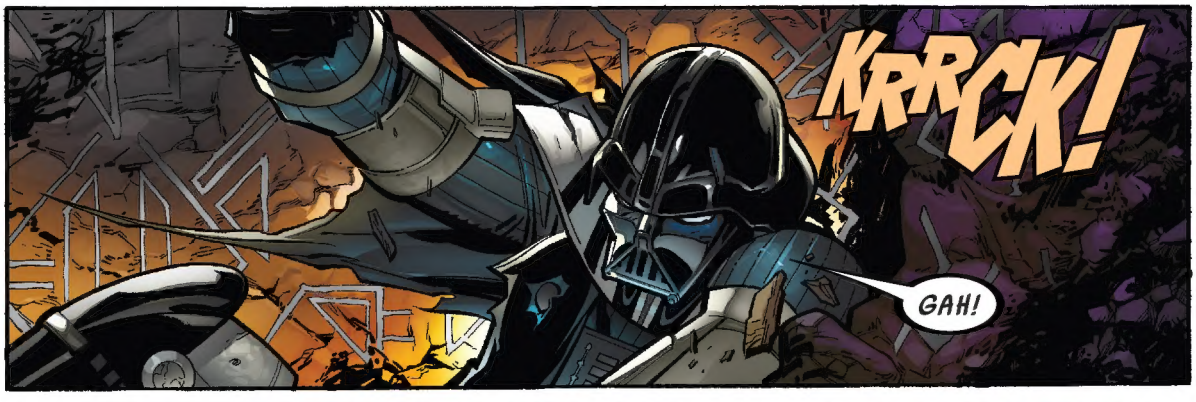
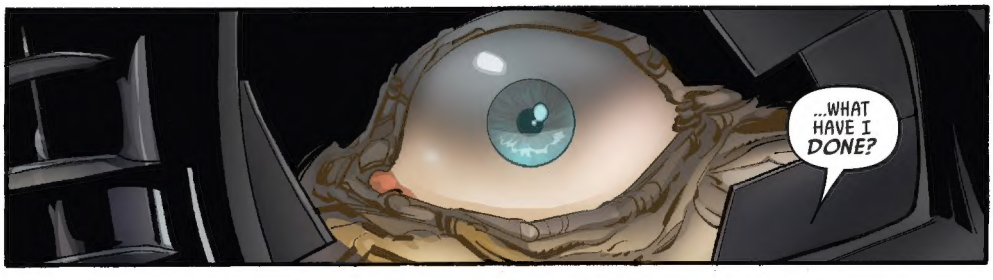
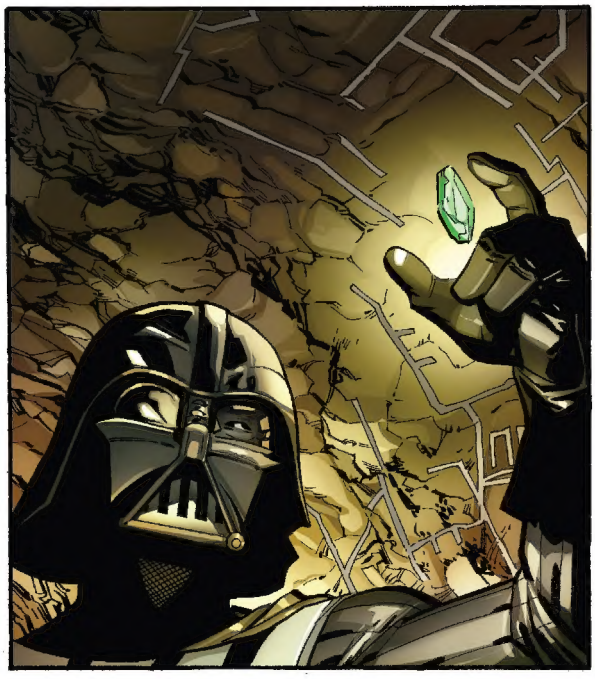
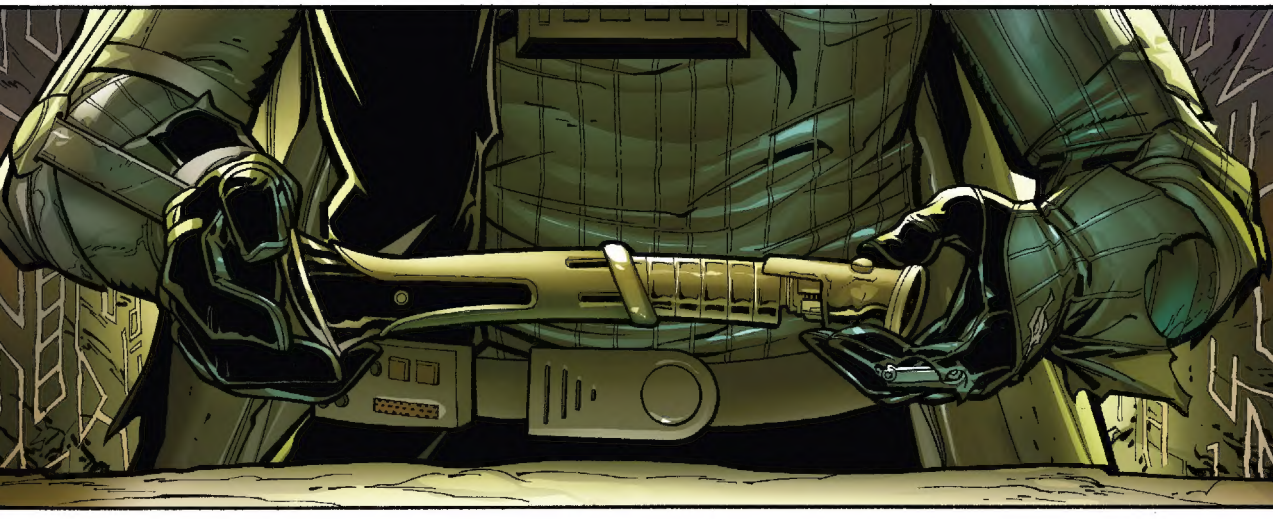

KRRCK!
GAH!

WHAT...


...WHAT HAVE I DONE?

NNNNGH.





MY APPRENTICE. YOU HAVE RETURNED. WERE YOU SUCCESSFUL IN YOUR QUEST?
I WAS.

SHOW ME. I WOULD SEE YOUR BLADE.

SHRRM!

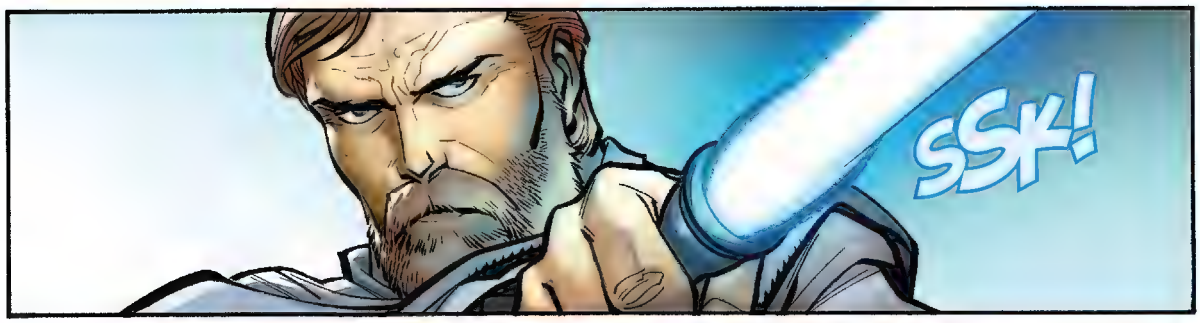
AH. SO YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION?

I HAVE.

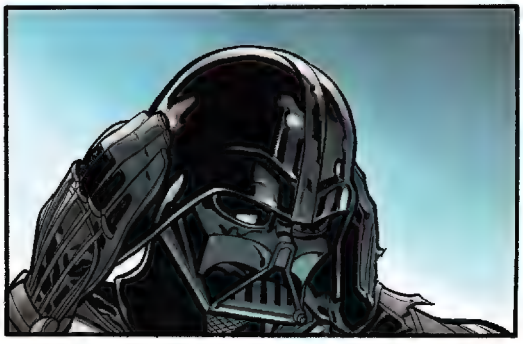
SSSK!
HA!
SO BE IT, MY FRIEND!
KZZK!
YOU HAVE CHOSEN WEAKNESS.
SO BE IT!
GAH!
SUCH A WASTE.

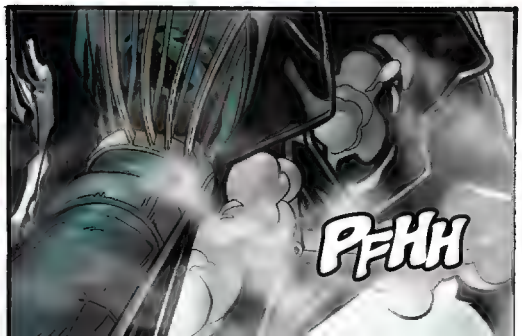
SLSH!
YES.
AAGH!
I AGREE.
SSK!

MM?


SSK!

OBI-WAN.

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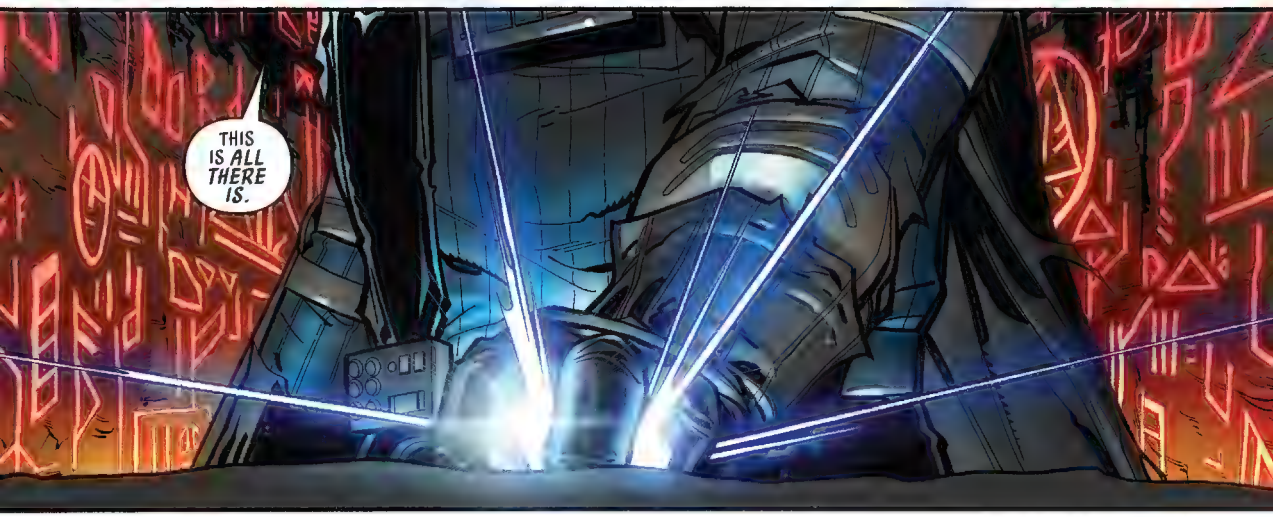
PLEASE.
SSSK!
ANAKIN.
HSSSSSSK!

NNNNGH.

NO.

I REFUSE.


THIS IS ALL THERE IS.

GAH!

ARRRGH!

Coruscant.
CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES APACE, YOUR EXCELLENCY. I BELIEVE WE WILL MEET OR SURPASS ALL TARGETS.
AND THE WEAPON, TARKIN? DOES THAT MOVE FORWARD ON SCHEDULE AS WELL?
THE LATEST REPORTS ARE PROMISING, MAS AMEDDA. I BELIEVE THAT--
WHA--
KRCK!

BOTH OF YOU-- LEAVE.
BUT, EMPEROR... YOUR SAFETY...
I AM PERFECTLY SAFE, TARKIN. LEAVE ME.
APPRENTICE.

MASTER.

DARTH VADER
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